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Edinburgh, May 31.



AST Saturday the Right Hon. the Lord Dun, and Mr. James Graham jun. arrived here from London.

Upon Friday one Isabel Walker was brought Prisoner here from Dumfries, and committed to Jail, for the Murder of her Father; as was also Margaret M'Gag-

hock from Air, for the Murder of her own Child.

May 24. The General Assembly empowered their principal Clerk to officiate by a sufficient Deputy, in case of his own necessary Absence, for whom he shall be answerable, and without any additional Expences to the Assembly.

Remitted to the Commission to use the necessary Means for stopping the going of the Salt-Pans at Dysart on Sunday. Ordered, that the Sentences of the greater Excommunication against Mr. David Strang, late Minister at Cabroch, for his Irregularities, Mr. John Robertson late Schoolmaster at Kirkcudbright, for Blasphemy, Heresies, &c. and against Agnes Dug in Aberbrothock, unmarried, who brought forth five Children, and did not give up a Father except to one, be intimated from the Pulpits of all the Churches of Scotland. Agreed, that this Assembly do adhere to the Resolution of the last Assembly, That Patronage is a Grievance, and that it is the Duty of this Church to use all proper Endeavours for obtaining Redress thereof. In respect of the great Number of Probationers for the Ministry in this Church, presently unprovided for, the Assembly superadded former Acts in favours of Students in Divinity as Bursars. Ordered, that a Letter be wrote to the Synod of Lithuania, not to send hither any Students, till the Years of Mr. Andrew Kurnatowsky are run out. Ordered all Presbyteries to take Care, that all to be chosen Elders of this Church, be qualified according to the Acts of Assembly. Appointed Commissioners to settle Mr. Stirling as Minister of the Parish of Denny, and to inrol him as a Member in the Presbytery Books of Stirling. Received the Dissent of several Members, from the Sentence in the Case of Mr. Blaikie. Appointed Commissioners for the Disposal of 1000 l. given by His Majesty for Reformation of the Highlands.

Referred to the Commission to censure the Persons appointed to revise the Synod Books of Fife, and Lothian and Tweeddale, for their Neglect in not reporting their Remarks thereon, and being absent this Diet of Assembly when called upon, to that Purpose. Ordered, that the Kirk Session of Temple admit John Tait, guilty of Adultery, to make publick Satisfaction without Sackcloth, according to a Sentence of the late Commission.

Remitted to the Commission to prepare a proper Overture to be laid before the next Assembly, concerning Mr. John Glas, late Minister at Tealline, deposed by the Commission 1729, who embrac'd Congregational Principles.

Enacted and declared, that this Church did not by their Act 1736, relating to Professor Campbell, adopt Expressions used by him concerning Self-love, but do adhere to their Terms used in their Standards, with relation to these Doctrines, &c.

The Moderator made a Speech to the Assembly, giving a general Sketch of their Proceedings, and commending the Gravity, Zeal and Moderation they had discovered all along in their Reasonings; and afterwards made an excellent Speech to the Commissioner, expressing the many Obligations this Church is under to His Majesty, &c.

On the same Day the Assembly broke up, and appointed their next Meeting the second Thursday of May 1738. At their Rising His Majesty's High Commissioner made an excellent Speech to the Assembly, wherein he express'd his superlative Regard to the Church of Scotland, and promis'd them his outmost Assistance in any Thing that might contribute to their general Good.

On Wednesday the Commission had under their Consideration an Appeal made by Mr. James Mitchel Minister of Genyly, to the Venerable the General Assembly, from the Synod of Angus and Mearns, who in April last suspended him from the Exercise of

of his ministerial Function till their next Meeting, for saying that a Minister in the Presbytery of Meigle had viciously intromitted with a Sheep, and giving Members both of Presbytery and Synod most opprobrious Language: After Appellant and Respondents were fully heard and removed, the Commission reasoned upon the Matter for some Time, and without a Vote unanimously affirm'd the Synod's Sentence. Mr. Mitchel being called in, had the Sentence intimate to him; and by Appointment of the Commission was most solemnly rebuk'd by the Moderator, exhorted to bring his Passions under the Government of Reason, and by his future Conduct testify his sincere Repentance to the World.

Edinburgh, June 2.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's Most Gracious Letter. May 14th, 1737.

May it please your Majesty,

THE great Honour done us, by Your Majesty's Most Gracious Letter, and Your Royal Goodness, in condescending to take Notice of the Zeal of former Assemblies, for the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, the Prosperity of this Church, and the Good of our Country, is most encouraging to us; and cannot but animate us, warmly to pursue those Measures, which may most effectually contribute to the attaining the desirable Ends of our Meeting, which Your Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to countenance with Your Royal Approbation and Authority.

It gives us the most sensible Joy, that Your Majesty has been pleas'd to express Your Satisfaction with our Loyalty and Affection for Your Royal Person and Family, which we may, with great Confidence, assure Your Majesty, possesses the Hearts of all the Members of this Church; and we entirely depend upon the Royal Assurances You are pleas'd to give us, of Your constant Resolution to support and maintain the Church of Scotland, established by Law, in the full Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges: And we humbly hope, by Your Royal Goodness, to obtain in due Time, Redress of the Grievance, which has been represented to Your Majesty by former Assemblies.

The Confidence Your Majesty has express'd, of our coming together with these good Dispositions and Intentions, cannot but oblig'd us, to employ our best Endeavours, to bring about the great and good Purposes for which we are now assembled, by conducting all in our Power to the Peace and Welfare of this Church, the Increase of Piety and Virtue, the preventing the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Profaneness and Immorality; and for our happy Success therein, next to the Divine Assistance, we rely upon Your Majesty's Countenance and Encouragement: And as the Success of our Councils and Deliberations, must, under God, also greatly depend upon the Wisdom, Moderation and Charity, whereby they are conducted, so we are oblig'd to own, that we should not act agreeably to the Spirit of our Holy Religion, and the Character we bear, if we paid not the highest Regard to Your Majesty's earnest and pious Recommendations, to avoid all Disputes and Contentions among ourselves, and to proceed upon the Business proper for our Consideration, with that Unanimity and Brotherly Love, which may so justly be expected from us, and which also, we are so graciously assur'd, cannot fail to recommend us further to Your Royal Favour.

The Experience we have had of the Capacities and Abilities of the Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian, of his Zeal and Loyalty for Your Majesty's Service, of his Affection and Concern for the Church of Scotland, and of his Qualifications for the Discharge of so great a Trust, renders Your Majesty's Choice of him, to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly, most acceptable to us: And we hope, we shall conduct ourselves, in the Discharge of the Business before us, in such Manner, as may render the Duties of his high Station easy to him.

Your Majesty's High Commissioner has deliver'd to us Your Royal Warrant, for the Renewal of Your charitable Donation, towards the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, for the twelfth Year, which we most thankfully receive and acknowledge, as a fresh Instance of Your Majesty's tender Concern

for the spiritual as well as temporal Interest of Your Subjects, in these more remote and less civilized Parts of Your British Dominions: And as this Royal Bounty has produced very good Effects among them, and has served as an useful Mean to counteract the Popish Emisaries trafficking in those Parts, it shall be our Care to employ the same in exact Conformity to Your Royal Intentions, that the Fruits of it may more and more appear to Your Majesty's Satisfaction.

That Your Majesty's precious Life, which is so great a Blessing to all Your People, and the whole Protestant Interest, may be long preserv'd; That the best of Heaven's Blessings may be plentifully pour'd out upon Your Royal Person, and her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the rest of Your Royal Family: And that after the Crown has long flourished upon Your Head, You may at length, thro' Jesus Christ, inherit immortal Glory, are and shall be the earnest Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

NIEL CAMPBELL, Moderator.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Malaga, June 4. N. S. Arrived the Hare, Baker, from Carthage; the Two Sisters, Garland, and the John and Ann, Burton, from Sicily; the Amelia, Wood, and the Samaritan, Lovel, from Nantz; the Robert and Sarah, Ellis, from Yarmouth; the Farmer, Burrell, from Gibraltar, the Hanover Alliance, Major, and the Yorkshire Molly, Beare, from Cagliari; the Chesterfield, Meody, from London; the Preparation, Adams, from Alicante; the Hamburg Galle, Page, from Hamburg; the Lydia, Wilkinson, from Sandwich; the Abel and Mary, Beckworth, from Lynn; the Hopewell, Wife, and the Providence, Davis, from Rotterdam; the Swan, Piercy, for Alicante; the Happy Return, Tobin, for the Coast; the Richard and Mary, Coombes, and the Yorkshire Molly, Beare, for the North.

Leghorn, June 10. N. S. On the 10th Instant arrived the Margaret, Mitchel, from Algier; the Ann and Deborah, Williams, from Genoa: On the 7th the Laurel, Godscall, from Salonica: On the 8th the Minerva, Carteret, from Alexandria; the Nancy, Errington, from Venice: On the 9th the Phoenix, Buckley, from Cadiz: On the 4th sailed the Success, Johnson, for Palermo; the Tygris, Petre, for London: On the 6th the Expedition, White, for Tunis; the Sarah, Brock, for Smyrna: On the 7th the John and Margaret, Ridley, for Lisbon; the Jane, Cleland, for Cadiz: On the 8th the Rose, Wood, for Cadiz; and the Mary, Hufley, for Barcelona.

HOME PORTS.

Dover, June 15. Arrived the Prosperous, Kemp, from —

Deal, June 15. Wind W. The Norway Merchant, Waugh, from Cagliari; and the Phoenix, Brown, from Zant, are sail'd. Remain the Antelope, Ayres, for Newfoundland; the Charming Philly, Colebatch, from Alicante for Petersburg; the Duck, Drake, from Trapani; and the Princess Amelia, Preshaw, from —

Gravesend, June 15. Passed by the Elizabeth and Mary, Maples, from Diep; the Eagle, Reneau, from Bourdeaux; the Solomon, Wastall from Rouen; the London, Willis, from Norway; the Charming Peggy, Smith, from Oporto; and the Queen of Portugal, King, from Lisbon.

Gravesend, June 16. Passed by the Jemima, Gilby, from Calais, and the Don Carlos, Cole, from Leghorn.



